

CHRIST CHURCH

PURLEY

News

MAKING PASSIONATE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST

"God is in the salvation business, and so are we" (APCM May 2025)

*¹⁴ For we are all **partners with Christ** if we hold firmly to the end the confidence we had at the beginning. (Hebrews 3:14)*

Welcome to this week's edition of Christ Church News.

Sunday 22 nd June		Romans: Strength Romans 14:1-12
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with CCKids and CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service
Monday	9am 9.15am	Foyer open Morning Bible study
Tue	9am 9.15am 9.30am 7pm	Foyer open Morning Bible study Carousel Baby and Toddler group Youth

Wed	9am 9.15am 12noon	Foyer open Morning Bible study Firelighters prayer gathering
Thu	9am	Foyer open
Fri	9am 10.00-11.30am	Foyer open Mothers Union craft and chat table
Sat		
Sunday 29 th June		Romans: Judgement Romans 14:13-23
	8.45am	Traditional (Holy Communion with hymns)
	9.30-10.15am	Coffee
	10.15am	Worship service with CCKids and CCYouth
		Coffee
	11.45am	Third service
	6.30pm	NEW Monthly Sunday Evening Gospel service



YouTube live link for 10.15am and 11.45am services

This link will only work on this Sunday for the 10.15am Worship service and will return after a gap for the 11.45am service.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/IX1OrIRdF0>

Or find the link on our website.

After Sunday the services can be found on the website at

[Christ Church Purley : Online Services](#)



NEW: GOSPEL SERVICE

Monthly Sunday Evening Gospel service starts on

Sunday 29th June at 6.30pm in the Foyer

(on the last Sunday of the month)

Come along and worship, pray and listen to God.

#SERVE: FOCUS



FOYER TEAM

Servers and listeners needed to maintain our fantastic term time café.

Contact Lynn to find out more about serving.

Contact Doug to find out more about being a listener.

[You can sign up online to find out more
https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/srn9118](https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/-/forms/srn9118)



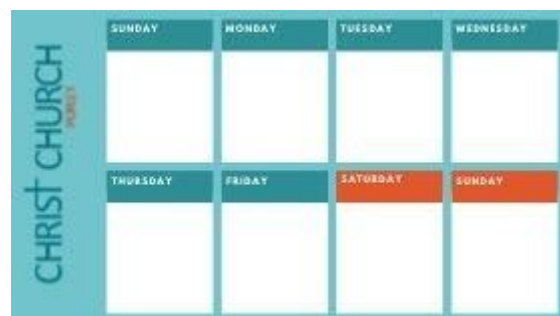
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Wednesday 25th June 12 noon**
 - **Monday 30th June Bereavement Support group**
- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Thursday 3rd July 7.30pm**
 - **Saturday 5th July 12.30-2.30pm Street Evangelism**
 - **Sunday 6th July – Worship for Everyone**
- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Friday 11th July 12 noon**
 - **Sunday 20th July – Mission Partner Sunday**
- **Firelighters prayer meetings - Tuesday 22nd July 7.30pm**

Click image for our online calendar



News Update



Come and join the team for a day of donkey rides, ice creams, face painting and fun!
If you can help set-up/pack down, steward, supervise a stall, help with crafts or help with refreshments, please sign up with the link below!



The second Croydon Churches Youth Worship Night on Friday 27 June from 7.30pm-9.30pm at New Life Christian Centre, Cairo New Road, Croydon, CR0 1XP.

This is a great opportunity for young people in school years 7-13 to come together to worship and to pray for Croydon.

This time promises to be bigger than the last. There will be music, space to reflect and pray and to get creative. Refreshments available all evening.

The youth need to be dropped off at New Life Christian Centre, 5 Cairo Road, Croydon, CR0 1XP by 7:20pm and collected at 9:30pm. Sign your young person up here asap



Holiday at Home 2025

Sign up online or ask Alison for a form.



Holiday at Home 2025



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SYNERGY NETWORK PRESENTS

A "STANDING TOGETHER" SATURDAY



A showing of Romeo n Juliet + EVA
plus a Q&A session after!



Come along and mark the start of our
"Standing Together Against Youth Violence" weekend
with a day of prayer and activities



Stalls and free activities



CHURCHES & COMMUNITIES TAKING A STAND

ST MARK'S CHURCH, KENNINGTON

SATURDAY, JULY 19

10.30AM – 5.30PM

For more information contact: coordinator@wearesynergy.org.uk

Come along and mark the start of our 'Standing Together against Youth Violence' weekend with this day filled with workshops, prayer, testimonies and activities that will equip and support everyone who has a heart to see a positive change for all young people.

There will also be opportunities to network with like minded individuals and organisations, who are making a difference in the lives of our young people now and how we can all work together to put a stop to the negative impact of serious youth violence.

So please register, tell all your friends, families and any interested parties/organisations about this day and let's stand together to stop this ongoing problem!



Standing Together
Saturday



I DON'T MEAN TO BOAST, BUT....

I don't know about you, but I feel uncomfortable with conversations with too many "I's" in them.

Now don't get me wrong, "I" is an appropriate identifier of the first person singular, it has its place.

But where the focus of a conversation is "well I did this and that was excellent and so many people thought that what I had done was so good...it was all because of what I had done...if it wasn't for me.....no one is better than me at...." etc etc

The technical term is of course boasting.

False modesty can be just as annoying in some cases but of the two I think better err on the side of humility than boasting, every time.

Except, that is, if you are God.

Then it's OK!

Why is this important?

Well, if you are a believer reading this and have an idea of God as an awesome creator, transcendent almighty God, you probably let God's right to boast above all others as a given. But what if someone reading this is not. Doesn't believe in God. Or has a twisted view of God – either as a belligerent and erratic maniac (such as Stephen Fry would assert) or of a god of the ancient pantheon, more human than divine and full of weakness and insipid irrelevance. Other descriptions of atheism can also apply...

If any of these are your position it would be understandable to say "what have you got to boast about?"

In this context, I was struck by this morning's Old Testament reading from Jeremiah. It was a short reading, but a very potent one.

²³ *This is what the Lord says:*

*"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,
²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this:
that they have the understanding to know me,
that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,"
declares the Lord.*

Jeremiah 9:23-4

In context it is a surprising couple of verses. Jeremiah begins with much woe and prophetic warnings to Israel and those surrounding. In fact chapter 9 has many warnings about weeping and ruins, death and destruction. The verses that follow the above quote are a dire judgement on the nations and especially Israel that they are not truly circumcised – that they have no connection to God for whom circumcision was the sign of his promise.

Yet, these verses sit amongst all this doom, and turns to God himself. There is something of a self-declaration. I am:

LORD

KIND

JUST

RIGHT

And the prophet issues God's words to the believers – boast in me. Not in your strength or wisdom, in me.

Because I do.

Because I can.

I am worth it. Because I am God. And God is I AM.

I knew a preacher and teacher once who spoke about God in a series of talks and he said *"You know, one of the many things I love about God is that he has an attitude about being God!"*

And he was right.

He made us. He can break us. He loves us. And he wants to rescue us.

We are brute beast before him. But he loves us anyway. And draws us to himself.

Paul said much about boasting.

*"³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought**, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you." (Romans 12:3)*

And to the Corinthians in the painful second letter we have, this:

17 "Let ^{the} one who boasts, boast in the Lord." **18** *For it is ^{not} the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one ^{whom} the Lord commends. (2 Corinthians 10:17)*

I once wrote a social media post highlighting the difficulty of Christian leadership and applying for ministry roles. In a place where one needs to be honest about gifts, skills and passions it is also important to have a humble perspective.

In fact, in preparation for a leadership course, one of the questions effectively asked:

Just how humble are you?

How does one even answer that question?!

If love and compassion and mercy is about putting the other above ourselves and we are called to "love one another, as I have loved you" we must be aware of how we think of ourselves and how we speak of ourselves.

Lest we boast.

Because it's not about us.

It's all about Him.

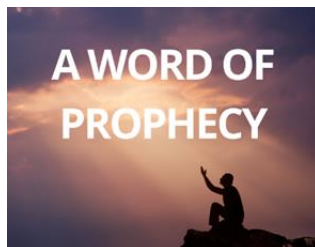
He has earned it and he is worth it.

Boast away. But boast in the Lord.

So that others would know, too.

Every blessing

Doug



WOULD THAT ALL WERE PROPHETS... Moses (Numbers 11:29):

The one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.' 1 Corinthians 14:1&3.

Got a picture or verse for Christ Church?

Offer it to the service leader....

A picture of a parcel tied up with string. The parcel was opened and the person opening it was amazed at its contents.

Maybe God is saying "Open the parcel of the good things I have given you by listening to Me and reading My Word. I have an individual interest in each one of you and I want you all to know the path I have worked out for you for your benefit and for My Glory. I never lose interest in each of you for I make you for myself I made you for Myself. I am pleased with what I created. Be pleased with Me and give me the glory and worship due to Me as your loving heavenly Father.

"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength"

Problem with feet - someone is not going in God's direction

A problem with the larynx

Family News

Please note that if you want to share family news, change of circumstances etc, good news or sad, please contact office@christchurchpurley.org.uk and we will try to include it under this section – Christ Church Family News.



ROAD OF THE WEEK

We are inviting you to pray for our parish road by road throughout the year.

This week we are praying in particular for **Olden Lane** and all who dwell, work or travel there.

SUMMER SERIES: SOMETHING FISHY....

From 27th July to 24th August we will be having our annual summer all-age series and this year the theme is *Something Fishy*

Fish are a recurrent theme in the bible – as food, in parables, as a living for the disciples!

Fish is also a symbol of Christian faith from the very early days of the church – but there are also hidden meanings in the Greek word for fish – “ICHTHUS”

Note that during this time there will be no CCK and CCY.

END OF SUMMER: SOMETHING SPECIAL....

31st August is the last Sunday of the summer holidays and we are planning a special service :

Location: Christ Church School hall

Churches: Christ Church, Grace Vineyard and others

Theme: Teach the little children

A celebration of Christ Church School and Purley Nursery and an opportunity for us to pray for, bless and support the communities of these two schools – inviting staff and Governors and others to join us in worship and prayer in preparation for the new academic year ahead.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Are you interested in:

- Publicly Affirming your faith
- Being Baptised,
- Starting to receive Holy Communion as a young person
- Being Confirmed



Baptism



Confirmation

Please speak to Doug, Jude or Charlotte if this is something you are considering or complete the relevant online form via the website links.





"Who is this Jesus?"

If someone walked into Christ Church and asked this question what would you say?

Want to know more, to advance the kingdom?

Speak to Doug, he would love to hear from you.



EVANGELISM TASK FORCE



**Inspired by Holy Week?
Fired up to share the Gospel?**

**Let Doug know.
We would love to have new people join the next meeting to plan the next steps in the Evangelism strategy.**

Interested? – contact Doug for details.

STREET EVANGELISM

**Street Evangelism 5th July 12:30pm- 2:30 pm
(1st Saturday of the month)**

- Meet in Purley Baptist Church car park.

**Go out on twos (or threes) and
strike up conversations with people you meet.**

Speak of Jesus if the opportunity arises – but only after a conversation about them and if the Holy Spirit leads you to do so.

**"A stranger is just a friend you haven't met yet"
(Irish proverb)**



The BRIDGE

Newspaper of the Anglican Diocese of Southwark

The latest edition of The Bridge is now available online:

southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

Have a read of this month's copy of The Bridge.
You will find 2 church members included in it.
Can you find which pages they are on?

Recognising Croydon's volunteer chaplains

On Tuesday 6 May, Pauline Chapman, Puspa Visrolia, Rose Headlam and Sheila Moloney, volunteer chaplains at Croydon University NHS Hospital Trust, were awarded certificates by the Civic Mayor of Croydon Cllr Kola Agboola in recognition of their volunteering service at Croydon Town Hall.

Anglican Chaplain Pauline has 29 years of service and specialises in paediatric chaplaincy and bereavement care. With 20 years of service, Pushpa supports Hindu staff and patients, leads training and conducts Hindu funerals. Over the last 35 years, Rose who is the longest-serving chaplaincy volunteer at the Trust, has been providing weekly ward

communion at the bedside of more than 29,000 Roman Catholic patients. Sheila has served for 20 years – she provides spiritual care, mentors Roman Catholic priests, leads services, supports end-of-life care and coordinates 24/7 chaplaincy support.

The 84 chaplaincy staff and volunteers of all faiths at the hospital, are supported by

the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Team led by The Revd Andy Dovey.

Andy said, "Without the presence of a multi-faith chaplaincy volunteering team, the chaplaincy team would not be able to provide the highly respected pastoral, spiritual and religious care that the team are known and respected for to everyone who crosses the doors of the hospital."

Cynthia Smith, MU member at Christ Church, Purley – 'Tea and Talk'

Cynthia has developed an initiative – 'Tea and Talk' – to support refugees and asylum seekers staying at a hotel in South Croydon. Each Thursday, a group of seven volunteers from three different churches meets at the hotel to offer support, tea and a chat. The group helps those for whom English is not their first language, using various resources.

Cynthia said, "Many do speak English and so we chat and do craft. If we have children present, we play games with them or do craft work. Some of our helpers keep in touch with those who have left us and moved away. When we are at the Hotel, we take in food treats each week and gifts at Christmas.

"We do all this as we want refugees to feel welcomed and we know it makes a difference in our community."



Saturday 5th July at Christ Central Church in Penge are hosting an Operation Christmas Child information morning to enable people to learn about the ministry. This will include hearing from Anne (from Christ Central) who has recently returned from Romania where she witnessed first-hand Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts being received by children.

To better understand how many are planning to come, registration is requested via the following link (the same as scanning the QR on the attached image): <https://christcentralchurch.churchsuite.com/events/ryxfxulx>



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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS?

Q: Can you name the Christ Church safeguarding officers?

Could you point them out?

A: Jean Loh and Allison Flexman

BISHOP LUCY and RUSH

FUN FOR ALL

BEETLE DRIVE, ENTERTAINMENT, TEA and CAKE

SATURDAY 19TH JULY

At Christ Church, Purley

3-5pm

£5 individual ticket
£12 family ticket

Tickets available Sunday mornings

FUNDRAISING for BISHOP LUCY, RUSH, KENYA

REACHING the UNREACHED through SELF HELP



19th July 2025 from 3 - 5 pm at Christ Church, Purley. Come and enjoy an afternoon of games, music, tea and cakes with Bishop Lucy and Andrew. Fundraising for Bishop Lucy, Rush, Kenya

The Creative Christ Church gallery needs you!

The current selection of artwork is up for a few more weeks only. New artwork and volunteers are required please, for a late June change over. Any flat A4 or A3 artwork will be considered, **all abilities and ages of artist are welcome to submit** to the team. There is time to do something special for the next Gallery or have a look through your previously un-displayed artworks, that you may already have. **The Deadline – June 21st / 22nd**. The wording will need to be emailed (only emails please) to me before June 21st. Include title, name, age, medium used and a couple of sentences about the artwork; Flat, Size A3 or A4 only; Photography, drawings and paintings should be submitted by June 22nd by placing them in the large black portfolio art folder in the office beside the photocopier. Please inform me if and when you do pop an artwork in the portfolio. Also if you have had artwork in the gallery this time, it will be in the portfolio for you to collect after the change over.

If you would like to help with the gallery selection process and change over, please also get in touch. We always have fun! Often with cake and coffee if that would tempt you! Please email me with offers of help and any queries. I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks, Kate Buckley and team.



Interfaith Walk- All welcome

Saturday 5th July 2025 2-5pm

An Opportunity to visit 3 places of worship in Croydon.

Meet at St Andrews church Woodmansterne Road, Coulsdon CR5 2DD

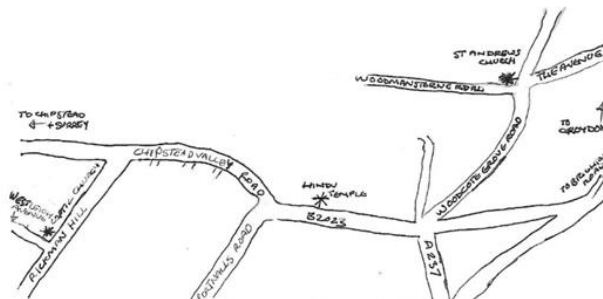
At 2.45 Walk to St. Mary&St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church

At 3.45 walk to South London Sanatan Mandir and Community Centre

where we will share some food together.

Come and meet people of Faith in Croydon

Please let us know you are coming - fticroydon@gmail.com



Faiths Together in Croydon


Do come and join us on a short walk calling in at a church of England, an Egyptian Coptic church and a Hindu Temple between 2-5pm on 5th July.

Penny Smith-Orr Chair


<http://www.faithstogetherincroydon.org.uk/>

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- cope with change, challenges/setbacks, criticism & rejection
- break destructive habits, stop procrastination
- say 'No', develop courage & move on from a bad situation
- make effective decisions.

Start: **Wednesday 30 July 2025**
 Duration: **7 sessions of 2 hours**
 When: **Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon**
 Cost: **Free of charge**
 Where: **Cube training room, Purley Baptist church,
 Banstead Rd, Purley CR8 3EA**

To book your place, or for more details, contact Purley Baptist Church Office
 (0208 668 0422 or office@purleybaptist.org).

There are limited places; so, to avoid disappointment, book early. 😊

CHRIST CHURCH
PURLEY

Safeguarding Principles

The parish of Christ Church Purley takes the safeguarding
 and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously.

SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST CHURCH

A reminder of the Safeguarding Principles we introduced in 2023:

SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES



Safeguarding principles

Everyone protects boundaries and vulnerabilities by reporting.

- 1. EVERYONE:** Everyone is the eyes, ears and heart of a safe **church**
- 2. PROTECTS:** *Safe Church* intends to protect the vulnerable and the innocent and put off the perpetrator
- 3. BOUNDARIES:** Safe Boundaries are key - if in any doubt, ask first
- 4. VULNERABILITIES:** Power imbalance is always part of abuse - that's why we particularly safeguard children and vulnerable people
- 5. REPORTING:** Report don't solve or investigate



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